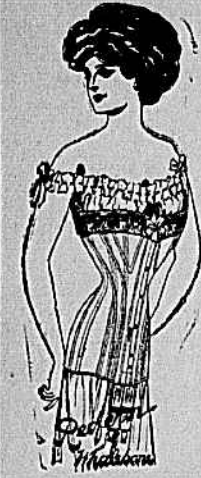


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"Redfern" Demonstration Every Day This Week



Miss Elwood, the expert corsetier, will be glad to see you any day this week. The demonstration closes after Saturday, and you should come to-morrow if possible.

Miss Elwood is demonstrating the celebrated "Redfern" Corsets. The right corset for the particular figure, the corset meeting fashion's requirements, with comfort to the wearer; the effectiveness of the new styles—The Redfern Corset solves every problem.

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Va. State Fair

October 4-9.

Visit the Bargain Basement To-Day.

Two Sales for Men in the Men's Corner

Men are keeping their eyes on this section of the store—no question about that. Every day finds this section offering a new and unequalled value. Just glance over the two items for Friday; men can save money by buying in the "Men's Corner."

- 50c Men's Scarfs, 12 1/2c.
- Men's Scarfs, Four-in-Hands, shown in fancy and light colors. These Scarfs are regular 25c and 50c sellers. This lot is slightly soiled from display, and we are going to offer the lot at a special price.
- The assortment will hardly last 45 minutes. Come early; your 12 1/2c choice.
- \$1.00 Men's Gloves, 79c.
- Men's Imported Tan Capskin Gloves, a strictly business Glove. Three shades of tan. These Gloves sell everywhere for \$1.00. Our Glove price for to-day, special at... 79c

Beautiful Oriental Rugs

The Carpet Section's display of Oriental Rugs is most interesting, and many shoppers have commented upon the beautiful collection.

The Window Display on Broad Street is also attracting a great deal of attention.

- We are displaying:
- Kazakian Rugs, 2.6x4 to 3x5, at \$12.50.
- Shirvan, Cabristan and Daghestan Rugs, \$15.00, \$16.50, \$17.50, \$20.00 and \$25.00.
- Belochistan, \$18.75 to \$25.00.
- Shiraz, \$18.75 to \$65.00.
- Kajak, \$18.00 to \$60.00.

Figure the Savings in Silks and Dress Goods To-Day

To-day's shoppers will delight in these savings; to give you the best values is our constant effort. These items certainly show that our intentions are in the right direction.

There is a lot of "difference" in values, but there are just two kinds of "bargains"—"genuine" and the overestimated kind. You will find we never shirk here without a reason. Here are reasons:

- 50c Venetian Cloth, 36 inches wide, all good colors; light, medium and dark gray, reseda, green, hunters' green and covert; to-day, 29c.
- \$1.50 Imported Plaids, 49c. 45 inches wide, suitable for kimono, bath robes and house dresses; worth \$1.50; to-day, 49c.
- 48c Suiting, to-day, 25c. Gray, mixtures, checks and stripes, suitable for skirts and children's dresses; special to-day, yard, 25c.
- 75c Messalines, in black only, to-day, yard, 59c.
- 75c Stripe Messalines, 59c. Navy, old rose, forest green, amethyst and black, always fashionable, yard, 59c.

DECLARES THAT PEOPLE WOULD NOT SUBMIT IF CORPORATION RAN PLANT

Lack of Water Pressure Brings Loud Complaint Against Present System.

CUTCHINS SPEAKS PLAINLY

Committee Say Department Must Meet Demand and Help Those Who Pay.

Lack of water pressure over a considerable area of the city was discussed at some length by the Council Committee on Water last night, a large number of complaints and protests having demonstrated that the continued growth of the city and increased use of water had so lowered the pressure that it was impossible to draw it on the upper floors in a large area centering around Fifth and Grace Streets, and extending west as far as the Lee District high pressure service, which comes down to Laurel Street, and which is supplied from the standpipe in William Byrd Park. The matter has often been before the Water Committee, and in fact the protest has become so loud that it cannot longer be ignored.

Mr. Cutchins expressed the sense of the committee last night when he said that the department should place itself in a position of being able to furnish abundant water to every corner in the city. If any private corporation, he said, was to give the poor service the Water Department does to citizens living at high points there would be a howl of protest to have the franchise revoked.

Plans Two New Standpipes. Superintendent Davis had three plans to meet the situation. The first was to install meters throughout the city, thus checking both the consumption and the waste of water by charging each property owner for what he used. The cost of general introduction of meters he estimated roughly at \$50,000, and said it would only provide a partial relief.

At the request of members of the committee he had prepared estimates for two additional standpipes, one to stand on Second Street, near Broad, and to supply all the area between Broad and Madison Streets, inclusive, the estimated cost of the tank, exclusive of site, being \$22,000, the pumps to be operated by the new electric plant.

For a high level of Church Hill, Mr. Davis estimated on a larger tank, to stand at some point on Twenty-seventh Street, to cost \$30,000, exclusive of site and connections. While agreeing that the two standpipes might be an ultimate necessity, Chairman Mills expressed doubt as to whether the proposed city electric plant could furnish the necessary pumping power. If it became necessary to buy the power, he said, the cost of maintenance of the two additional high-pressure tanks would be greatly increased, while those sections not provided for in the two districts outlined would have just cause of complaint.

New Through Main. In order to supply these two standpipes without noticeably decreasing the pressure in other sections of the city, while pumping water into the tanks, Mr. Davis recommended a new main from the reservoir down the Boulevard to Broad Street, thence to Iowa, to Marshall and down Marshall to Seventh, connecting at that point with the present Church Hill main. If the main could be laid, he said, the water pressure would be restored to the pressure to what it was several years ago, before the use of water increased, and thus save the cost of the tanks. A thirty-inch main, he estimated, would cost \$120,000.

Realizing that the whole question of water pressure was a serious and difficult one, the estimates were referred to a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Watkins, Wisner, Puller, to report with recommendations.

CHASE CITY HOTEL AFTER INSURANCE

Series of Suits Against Fire Companies Instituted in United States Court.

A series of suits were instituted yesterday in the United States Circuit Court with a view of collecting the insurance on the Mecklenburg Hotel, at Chase City, which was recently destroyed by fire. It is understood that the companies allege that the hotel was not a profitable investment, and was not worth the total amount of the insurance. The declarations have not yet been filed. The suits are in the name of the Mecklenburg Hotel, a corporation, incorporated for the benefit of itself, and of Henry B. Miller, trustee, against the following insurance companies:

- Hartford Fire Insurance Company, George C. Jefferson, statutory agent, for \$50,000.
- German American Insurance Company, Julius Strauss, agent, for \$50,000.
- National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Commissioner of Insurance, agent, for \$50,000.
- Dixie Fire Insurance Company, Charles E. Lehr, agent, for \$40,000.
- Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company, William Talley, agent, for \$35,000.
- Hamburg Bremen Fire Insurance Company, John W. Gordon, agent, for \$35,000.
- Queen Insurance Company of America, N. B. Walker, agent, for \$50,000.
- Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Massachusetts, Chas. E. Wortham, Jr., agent, for \$50,000.
- Williamsburgh City Fire Insurance Company, John W. Gordon, agent, for \$10,000.
- London Assurance Corporation, John W. Gordon, agent, for \$35,000.

TRYING TO BREAK SPELL

Strange Woman Throws Bottles Into River, Police Seeking Mystery.

No little excitement on the Manchester side of the Free Bridge was caused yesterday morning by the actions of a strange woman, who walked almost to the other end, threw a package over the bridge, and returned hurriedly to the Richmond end. The bridgekeeper saw the package as it fell and notified the police, who followed it some distance below the bridge.

It contained two bottles half filled with some colored liquid. The contents of one might have been taken for either while the other looked like coffee. As the woman returned to this city, the matter was reported to Detective-Captain Mahon, who is now in possession of the bottles. The opinion is that the woman imagined herself cursed, and was endeavoring to break the spell by some voodoo prescription.

MR. ACKLEY ACCEPTS

Michigan Man To Be Secretary of the Virginia Y. M. C. A.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Virginia Y. M. C. A. Association for Virginia, held in Richmond on September 20, a hearty and unanimous call was extended to Mr. Ackley, of Jackson, Mich., to become State secretary for Virginia. Dr. Chas. W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, chairman of the executive committee, yesterday received Mr. Ackley's official acceptance of the invitation. He will arrive here on his duties on or before January 1.

Held on Cutting Scarce.

Arthur Clay, Jr., colored, was arrested yesterday morning and locked up on the charge of cutting Walter Coy, also colored. Coy was severely cut on the chin and it was necessary to take him to the hospital. The knife was found in the ambulance, to take several stitches. If the knife had been struck a little lower the knife would have gone into his neck.

TO SUSPEND WORK ON RICHMOND DAY

At the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen to-night a resolution will be offered under suspension of the rules declaring Richmond Day at the State Fair, Wednesday, October 6, a legal and general holiday. If adopted the resolution will go to the meeting of the Common Council on Monday night for concurrence.

Acting on his own responsibility, Mayor Richardson has already issued a proclamation in regard to Richmond Day, requesting all persons to observe the day, and also requesting heads of city departments, so far as it would not interfere with the public service, to allow the employees of the city to be absent on that day. Should the Council resolution go through, Mayor Richardson will issue a second resolution, proclaiming the holiday, and the City Hall and all city departments will be closed.

NORTHERN VISITORS COMING

Prominent Rhode Island Delegation to Stop in Richmond.

Distinguished citizens of Rhode Island will be guests of Richmond on October 8 and 9, a commission from that State will come South to erect and dedicate a monument at Newbern, N. C., to the memory of Rhode Island soldiers who died in the war between the States. The monument will be dedicated on their return the visitors will stop in Richmond. While in the city they will be guests at the Jefferson.

State Insurance Commissioner Charles C. Gray, of Rhode Island, and his members of the party, will be conveyed in information as to his trip in a letter to the Virginia Commissioner, Colonel Joseph Butler, received yesterday. Mr. Gray says the party will arrive in this city at 6:30 on the afternoon of October 8, and will leave at 5:15 the afternoon of the next day.

RECEPTION TO STUDENTS AT 7TH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A reception will be tendered the medical students of the city by the adult classes of the Seventh Street Christian Sunday school to-night at 8 o'clock. The program will include music by Mrs. W. L. Miller, Mrs. Monell, W. M. Watkins and J. E. White, selections by G. Jeter Jones, and addresses by Dr. W. T. Oppenheimer, Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan and A. B. Chandler, Jr.

No beating and sweeping of carpets and rugs, no dirty walls and draperies, if you have an IDEAL VACUUM CLEANER, it is necessary to health and cleanliness. You will find it at 223 East Broad Street.

The New Prices Are in Red

Men's Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats
Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Reefers
Every garment carried over from last season is included in this clearance sale.

Gans-Rady Company

LIGHTS FLASH OVER WHITE CITY AT FAIR

Brilliant Scene as Illuminations Reveal Typical Exposition Which Will Open Monday--Can't Accept Anything More at Woman's Exhibit.

For a brief moment last night it looked as if the fair was in full blast, for the lights were turned on by way of test and the vast area flooded with brilliant illumination. It was enough to show the newly whitened buildings, the dust-proof streets, the booths and the exhibits springing up everywhere, the clean rolled track, the quaint places of Wah Hoo Lane, where the speller will wing his flight in electric oratory, when the aeroplane is resting. The illumination was enough to convince those who looked on that this is to be the biggest and the best fair in the annals of the Old Dominion.

The progressive and business-like way in which the various places of scenery which will be erected to-morrow. A great space is required for its gigantic panorama of the destruction of San Francisco, and sufficient space must also be reserved for the immense set pieces, which will be a feature of each night's performance. Nearly the entire exhibit of women's work, including needlework, embroidery and paintings, is already in place, and owing to the great number of these entries and the lack of room to display them, advantageously it has been decided to receive nothing more in this department.

Exhibitors will see the wisdom, therefore, of getting their articles to the grounds in good time, for the same conditions are expected in most of the other departments, with the exception of the livestock classes. The interior of the buildings present a unique appearance in the new scheme of decoration. Some of the merchants who have secured space in the buildings are making pleasing displays of their wares, and great quantities of white goods are being prepared for distribution.

Preparations have been made throughout the city to accommodate the crowds which will require food and shelter during the week. All the hotels are prepared for a record-breaking crowd, and many boarding-houses have doubled their capacities. Manager Lloyd will move his office, at 809 East Main Street, to the grounds to-morrow, where all business will hereafter be transacted until the close of the fair.

The great Curtiss aeroplane is expected to arrive on the grounds to-morrow. A large tent has been pitched inside the race-course in which it will be sheltered, and upon the payment of a small fee the public will be allowed to inspect it at close range.

"Wah-Hoo Lane" is already white with tents, and slideshows of every description are arriving daily. The

Unique among the sights at the fair will be the exhibit of the Audubon Society of Virginia, which will call attention to the usefulness of birds and the uselessness of their excessive destruction. It is hoped that in the future the interests of the farmers especially will be enlisted, and an effort will be made to show them that the birds are their true friends.

The booth will be festooned with evergreen and cedar, and the different birds will be displayed on the branches in the most natural positions. There will be groups of birds, wrongly considered game birds, such as the mourning dove, robin and field lark, and the Audubon Society has organized groups of the feathered tribe that have suffered from the use of the milliner, such as the American egret and snowy heron; those species of hawks and owls which have given a bad name to the family, such as the Cooper and the great horned owl, for these species, with the red-shouldered, red-tailed and sparrow hawks, are erroneously considered harmful by the farmers, and are really his best friends. Other groups

will consist of the common winter birds of Virginia, to be found near Richmond; another of the summer birds, and so on.

The exhibit is also designed to awaken interest in the common birds of Virginia on the part of the children and the school children. A competent person, qualified to answer questions, will be in charge of the exhibit, and will be assisted by Miss Katharine Stuart, of Alexandria, the school secretary, and the corner in charge of the exhibit, which will include Miss Aylett, Mrs. Cadot, Mrs. Pollard, from Ginter Park; Mrs. R. B. Smithley and M. D. Hart, from Ashland; the Misses Quirk, the Misses Weddell, Mrs. Hoge, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Miller, from Richmond; Miss Ryland, from King William county; Miss Lucy Coleman and Mrs. A. S. Buford, Jr.

The Audubon Society was organized in December, 1908, and has about 500 members throughout the State. It has already accomplished much good work in practical ways. The study of ornithology has been greatly increased in Virginia schools by the society.

HUDSON-FULTON STAMPS RIVAL EXPOSITION SERIES

At last the desire of the curious and of the stamp collector is satisfied, for the big new 2-cent stamp, commemorating the tercentenary of the discovery of Manhattan by Hendrik Hudson, and the invention of the steamship, is on its way to the local post-office.

A light earmine, the oblong stamp bears a picture of the Half Moon and of the original steamboat out on the Hudson river. In the distance loom up the cascades of the river, and the early period of the nation's existence is denoted by an Indian seated in a canoe.

This is the contribution of the United States Post-Office Department to the Hudson-Fulton celebration, and will do much to advertise the name and fame of the adventurous Dutchman and

the untiring American mechanical genius.

The whole series of stamps, from 1 cent to \$2, has usually been set apart for special designs and issues, but in the case of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the discovery of Manhattan, the 2-cent stamp is so set apart and dedicated. The great cost to the government of these designs in the original probably explains why the whole series is not devoted to pictures commemorating this great national event.

The idea of creating a new set of stamps in honor of some celebration or anniversary was begun in England early in the last century, but was not used in the United States until 1893 to mark the existence of the Chicago World's Fair. Since then there have been several issues of great artistic beauty and design.

GOT HIS CREAM AND CAKE BY SOLVING ONE PROBLEM

Even after many suggestions had been made none of those present was able to correctly answer the enigma propounded at the reception tendered by the Broad Street Methodist Church to students of the medical and business colleges last night. Professor William Buchanan, who presided, gave them ample opportunity to solve the problem, and when no one responded gave it himself, taking both first and second prizes, which meant two extra dishes of cream and cake to correspond. Every one agreed that it was simple enough when explained.

The program was as follows: Song, choir; invocation, Rev. G. C. Kelley, D. D.; solo, Miss Viola DuMont; wel-

MUST APPROPRIATE \$40,000 MORE TO COMPLETE MUNICIPAL PLANT

Mr. Trafford Submits New Estimate of Construction and Equipment Cost.

TO PROVIDE MORE LIGHTS

Plans and Estimates Referred to Subcommittee Without Final Action.

Estimates prepared by Consulting Engineer Trafford and submitted to a joint meeting of the Council Committees on Water and Electricity last night show that it will require a supplementary appropriation of \$40,000 in addition to the \$550,000 provided by a bond issue, to complete the proposed municipal electric lighting plant. Mr. Trafford submitted the last section of the plans which he was employed by the Council to prepare, the blueprints for the system of poles and wires and lights throughout the city. His scheme proposes a lamp on every corner now provided with an arc lamp, and two lights on each corner pole in the business section of Broad Street, and at points recently recommended by the Light Committee, making a total of 560 lamps, there being \$45 in use at present. Mr. Trafford's new estimate of the cost of the plant, having an ultimate capacity of 1,200, in addition to 4,000 incandescent bulbs for lighting public buildings.

What Plant Will Cost. In regard to the cost of the electric plant, Mr. Trafford recalled the fact that of the bond issue of \$550,000, the Council turned over \$100,000 to the Water Committee for pumps, to be driven by electric power, leaving the remainder, \$250,000, for the plant proper.

Contracts which have been awarded on the main electric plant aggregate \$196,112; other contracts, unawarded but estimated on the basis of last bids, \$12,534, making a total of \$208,646. Mr. Trafford adds an item for pay-roll of inspectors, watchmen, keepers, and other employees on the work, miscellaneous expenses, and a contingent reserve of 10 per cent, amounting to \$20,865, with a commission of 3 per cent to the engineer for supervising construction, of \$6,258, making the estimated cost of the plant proper \$250,369, leaving a surplus from the \$250,000 set apart of \$13,604.

In connection with this statement, Mr. Trafford submitted an estimate of the cost of the distribution system for 960 arc lamps, poles and wires, based on overhead construction, including an overhead line to the City Hall and near-by public buildings, with entire new equipment, of \$72,000.

From this is deducted \$10,000 as the estimated reduction by the joint use of existing poles, but to it is added \$16,000 for placing wires underground in the underground district, on the basis of the use of available conduits, making the net cost of installation of the distributing system \$78,000.

Ask \$40,000 Additional. In order to meet this Mr. Trafford proposes the use of an estimated surplus from the electric pumps which have been installed by the Water Committee, at a cost much below the \$100,000 set apart, and from which fund there will revert about \$25,000. Adding the \$10,000 still to be credited to the general fund, there will be \$35,000 available, and Mr. Trafford in his report recommends that the Council be asked for a supplementary appropriation of \$40,000 to complete the work. With his report Mr. Trafford presented a bill for \$1,000, the last payment on the \$40,000 agreed to be paid for the drawings for the plant, in addition to

which Mr. Trafford is receiving a commission of 3 per cent for supervision of construction, and a special fee of \$1,000 for placing the Committee on Electricity in connection with the award of the electric contracts, and the drawing of specifications for bidders.

In addition to the above estimates the consulting engineer presented a separate statement of \$23,377 as the cost of a transmission line for carrying power from the electric plant to the New Pump House, where the Committee for pumping water. The joint committees referred the drawings for the light circuits to a subcommittee consisting of Chairman E. Douglas Richardson, of the Committee on Electricity; Chairman Morgan R. Mills, of the Committee on Water; and Messrs. Thompson, and City Engineer Bolling.

The blue prints merely indicate in a general way the streets on which are to be placed lines of poles and wires, and the location of lamps, a general ordinance putting in the hands of the City Engineer

the locating of all poles on the streets of Richmond.

Payments Made on Plant. Following the joint session the Committee on Electricity held a meeting, when Superintendent Trafford reported on the progress of the construction work at the new plant, which he said had not been as rapid as he had anticipated. A payment of \$1,000 was made on account to A. W. McClellan and Company, contractors for concrete foundation work, and a number of other bills were ordered paid, including pay roll of watchmen and inspectors.

In answer to questions from Councilman Puller of Madison Ward, Mr. Trafford said his plans did not contemplate the lighting of alleys, and that while the same poles could be used for the lighting of alleys by electricity would necessitate a complete new system of wiring. The plant would have a capacity of 4,000 incandescent lights, he said, which could be used in lighting alleys, or in lighting the City Hall and other public buildings.

PRIZE CORN COMING FROM ALL SECTIONS TO FAIR

Nearly Nine Thousand Ears On Exhibition, Virginia Planters Taking Great Interest in Cash Money Offered for Best Specimens.

Farmers who can easily estimate how many big ears of corn will make a bushel, especially when they are of the prize variety, can realize what is meant by the statement that more than 12,000 ears are already at the Virginia State Fair for exhibition next week. To be exact, there are at present \$618 ears on the ground, but advice received by General Manager Lloyd indicate that the number will run far above the 12,000 mark. That is enough to keep the wolf from the door for many a day. About 325 exhibitors from all parts of Virginia have sent in their product. The season hasn't closed, and the touch of fall weather is giving the season necessary, so that by Monday visitors will see the best corn in the world. At the men who produced it will go away with

some handsome prizes after the experts have solved the problem which relates to the most magnificent specimens in the lot.

Prof. Crossley, of the Iowa State University, who knows about the corn, has been invited to preside as chief judge of the crib. He has made a close study of corn in a State where it is raised by the millions of bushels, though his experience in the West will not make him blind to the beauty and greatness of the Virginia product.

Those who have been interested in the display, and more especially in the effort to create greater incentive on the part of planters, said yesterday that the exhibits surpassed all expectations, and that with this excellent beginning the prize in 1910 would be many times greater.

MARTIN PLEASED WITH PROSPECTS

Senator Expects Large Democratic Majority—Announcements for Speaking.

If reports from all sections of the State can be depended upon, said Senator Martin in Richmond yesterday, an entirely satisfactory majority will be registered for the Democratic ticket at the polls in the November election. Virginia's junior Senator spent the day here on law business, leaving on an afternoon train for his home at Charlottesville.

There is nothing unfavorable in the outlook, the Senator believes. The Democrats are becoming more thoroughly aroused every day, and it is becoming more and more evident that a full party vote will be polled.

Senator Martin will make his first speech of the campaign at Louisiana Courthouse on October 11.

Senatorial Convention To-Day. Forecasts based on the best information which has been received in Richmond indicate the nomination to-day of John J. Owen, of Prince Edward county, for the seat in the State Senate made vacant by the resignation of Judge William Hodges Mann. The convention will be held at Burkeville.

Future Addresses. Announcements made yesterday by